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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

**John Seabrook, David Galloway,
Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden,
Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney,
Jean Brennan, David Walne, Josephine Mann.**

We welcome Father Michael Waters and Canon David Ryder who will celebrate Mass for us this weekend.

ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - Each week the Eucharistic Prayer begins with one of a number of Prefaces. In Ordinary Time one such Preface prays: "You have laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; You formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord."

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 3rd/4th July - Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with their parish priest, Fr. David Featherstone, Fr. Damien Loudon and Fr. Emmanuel Ugwuoke, CM. We pray for the Blessed Trinity High School and for their three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and for the Burnley General Hospital. Let us pray that they may know the power of God, especially in human weakness.

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church

activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

FOOD BANK - We are collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. There is a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

**BROWNEDGE CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
FOODBANK - SECRETARY WANTED** - Would you like to have a supportive role in our Food Bank? Have you got the skills and the time to organise and service our 4 Trustees meetings per year plus an AGM? **If so we need your help now** Please contact us foodbankbct@gmail.com or Tel. 07896245910

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5th - 8th August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

Online Christian Retreats via Zoom - Created and Led by Donna Worthington, all retreats are an invitation to be rejuvenated and affirmed in

faith, to know Christ better and to open up sacred space in order to listen to the Holy Spirit and experience a living spirituality that consoles, challenges and inspires. Varied methods enable Christians to deepen their own discipleship and travel on in their faith journeys (presentation, theological discussion, stillness, prayer, creative sessions, images, music etc). **All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated.** For bookings, please see the website or contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk www.christianretreats.live

1. PRACTISING THE PRESENCE OF GOD | A very practical seeking out of the wisdom of the delightful Carmelite Brother Lawrence as we explore what it means to pray and experience God as the 'centre of rest'. **Fridays 6.30-9pm 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd July (Cost £80)**

2. GOD IN ALL THINGS | We explore Ignatian understandings of this and seek to see and find God in all things – in our homes, nature, the senses etc and our journey will incorporate visiting various wells of wisdom including Saint Ignatius' *Suscipe* ('Receive') prayer. The retreat will be a mix of discussion, prayer, paintings, music etc. *But I always think that the best way to love God is to love many things.* (Van Gogh) **Sat 10th July 2-5pm OR Mon 12th July 10am-1pm**

Online Retreat for Married Couples - The organisers of the online prayer resource Pray As You Go, in partnership with the Westminster Diocese's Marriage and Family Life Team, offer an Audio Retreat for Married Couples. It uses as its base ingredients scripture, the Ignatian tradition and other Christian insights to provide a simple recipe, which you can then enjoy blending together to make a tasty, exciting and balanced meal to feed your marriage. Further information can be found here [Where two are gathered - a marriage retreat | Pathways to God](#)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	3rd July Vigil	6:00 pm	Agnes Flanagan
Sun	4th July	10:00 am	14th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	5th July	6:30 pm	John Seabrook R.I.P.
Tues	6th July	9:15 am	Sick, Infirm & Deceased Clergy
Wed	7th July	9:15 am	Sacred Heart Guild
Thurs	8th July	9:15 am	Doreen Wane R.I.P.
Fri	9th July		NO MASS
Sat	10th July Vigil	6:00 pm	Gordon Hunt R.I.P.
Sun	11th July	10:00 am	15th Sunday of the Year The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

PAROCHIAL CENTRE

The Parochial Centre is open again for members and for PRIVATE FUNCTIONS, including Baptism and Funeral gatherings.

Please contact the Steward during opening hours to discuss arrangements and restrictions on number at the present time.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.